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## STATE BOARDS FINAL MEETING

State Board Completes Work With  
Coal County Report.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 23.—After approving the report of the county assessor of Coal county, the last to be submitted, the state board of equalization practically wound up its work for the year at a meeting held Thursday morning. The only item in the Coal county report that was changed was the valuation on horses which was increased from \$26.64 to \$45.80 per head.

The valuation of the Kansas Natural Gas company, which is three years in arrears in its taxes, was left at \$12,000 and the company is subject to the 18 per cent penalty for delinquency.

State Auditor Leo Meyer reported that in excess of \$14,000 in inheritance taxes has been collected through his department. In Muskogee county, the reports show that eight estates are valued at nearly \$1,500,000 and that the taxes will amount to \$13,750.09. Muskogee county will furnish the largest income tax of any county in the state and that county's list includes the estate of George W. Barnes, the wealthy oil magnate who died last year in Monte Carlo, which is valued at \$223,086.52. The estate of Capt. F. B. Severs, an Indian Territory pioneer who died last spring, is valued at \$816,466.75.

Priscilla Mackey, a negro, mother of Herbert and Castella Sells, who were killed when their home in Taft was dynamited a year ago last spring, must pay taxes on \$52,754.52, the value of the estate of her two children. The estate of John Quincy Adams is valued at \$32,846. His property was bequeathed to his wife and two daughters. Milo E. Adams of Oklahoma City, a son, was bequeathed \$5.

## THE SHAME OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Editor Chieftain:

In the issue of The Leader of last May, immediately following the dismissal of school at Success School House, 8 miles east of Vinita, the following item appeared:

"Success school closed last Friday night with one of the most successful terms in its history. Patrons and pupils were well pleased, and Prof. Treaster did not whip a single pupil during the entire term."

Unconsciously, perhaps, the writer of the items to the Leader from the vicinity of Success school house, gave the reason for the great success of the teacher. He had the confidence and respect of his pupils and did not have to resort to that relic of barbarism, corporal punishment. We have on the statute books laws governing the beating of domestic animals, and yet we will stand stupidly by and allow a half-baked school teacher with a half ounce of brains in the back of his head, to whip a child for some slight infraction of her or his peculiar God Given Rules.

It is very encouraging to drop into a school house and see written on the black board some ten or twelve commandments, (copied after the style of the Mosaic lot perhaps), which recite sundry and divers punishments for any fracture of the same, and above the aforesaid blackboard, a gad about 7 feet in length.

It is a shame and a disgrace to the boasted civilization of the 20th century that this condition of affairs prevails, and I make the statement without fear of successful contradiction that at least four-fifths of the money expended for the public schools in this county, both in the cities and in the country is worse than wasted.

The system of teaching is entirely wrong.

In the first place pupils should be taught something that will benefit them here and now, and the peculiar talents of each pupil should be drawn out. Education is nothing but a drawing out, and the kindly philosopher Froebel has shown such to be the case by his experiments along this line.

Of course, some little high school Miss, in her teens who is alleged to be teaching and who is being courted by two or three beaux on Sunday and three nights of the week, hasn't time to investigate the methods of Spencer, Froebel, or Pestalozzi. She will tell you very glibly that she never is partial to any of her pupils and that some of her boys are awful bad and just have to be punished—have to be whipped; but it is always the smaller ones.

Without desiring in any way to wound the sensibilities of any teacher in the kingdom of Craig, I insist that any teacher who says she or he (as the case may be) is not partial, deceives themselves, and themselves only.

Human nature is so constituted, that in a given 40 or 50 pupils, there are some that are not so apt as others, and unconsciously, teachers do not treat them as well as they do the more favored ones.

Teachers make a very grave mistake in getting up at the commencement of a term and elaborating a great lot of rules, for governing their charges, just as though rules were what taxpayers sent their children to school to learn. The successful teacher needs no rules and gives none. The teacher that writes and promulgates as many rules as the moral law, frequently punishes by authority of an Ex Post Facto Law, or under the general crime of conduct unbecoming a good pious little effeminate mama's baby boy pupil. If I could have my way in this county, each school board would say to their teacher, "We will fine you \$2.50—take it out of your salary, for every pupil that you whip or expel."

"What we want you to do is to interest our children in their work so that it will not be necessary to spend an entire forenoon three times a week to look up the Statutes made and provided."

Children who are interested in their work do not require governing, as they unconsciously govern themselves.

Think of the kind of laws, or the condition that a person would be in to execute laws, on a Monday morning, after having had a lover's quarrel with a sweetheart the night before.

We should get out of the habit of thinking LAWS sacred. That savors too much of the absolute monarchy of a Russia or Turkey.

If the school boards would adopt my idea of the "fine" system, I am certain that even here in Vinita, delicate little children would be saved from the brutality of teachers. I feel very confident that the pedagogues would see a great light, and when they met in their next association, the muscular fellow with the long paper on "The Necessity of Corporal Punishment," would be conspicuous by his absence.

Iowa has one of the best school systems in the United States, stands first, and corporal punishment there is not permitted. The world still turns and Iowa's citizenship will compare favorably with any state in the Union.

A lady from Iowa said to me last winter: "I am going to have to take my little boy out of your Vinita public school, as he is a very nervous little fellow and can't bear to see his little playmates dragged out in the hall and hear their cries. He doesn't sleep at night and is very much worried."

If the teachers of this county would make a diligent and careful effort with the charges placed under their control, they could in almost every case interest the "Bad Boy," of the district, and the necessity of any sort of punishment would be gone.

Interested pupils require no government—particularly no beating and bruising of their bodies by dignified numb-skulls, who pose as instructors; but whose greatest aim is the collection of the monthly warrant. Let teachers take their pupils into the fields, and teach them all about the flowers, the birds, the soil, all about the different phenomena of Nature—teach them something that interests them here and now, and leave Grammar, Rhetoric, and other abstruse subjects until much later in life.

Teach the children about their own bodies and the care of them—teach them physiology, teach them about the stars, and teach them the common branches such as Arithmetic, Writing, Spelling. Teach them how to measure a crib of corn or a stack of hay, or a cord of wood.

I venture to say that there are not three teachers in this county who could tell you the number of gallons in a cistern with the dimensions before them, unless they had books to refer to.

If children are taught subjects that they can grasp, it will not be necessary for a trim little school-ma'am to keep the dull boy in school after hours and hold a club over him to make him learn how many degrees of comparison the word round has, or to diagram the old sentence: "I have more corn than I know what to do with." Grammar, Rhetoric, and even History are subjects that come later in life and should be so recognized; but the subjects I have mentioned are the subjects that the pupil meets every day.

Another thing; teach the pupil the rights of others and encourage a friendly rivalry, take part in their

## OKLAHOMA MAN TO SERVE SENTENCE

Conviction of W. C. Byars of Part in  
Killing of Hampton Snapp Up-  
held on Appeal.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 23.—The case of W. C. Byars, convicted of manslaughter in the first degree in Pottawatomie county and sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, has been affirmed by the criminal court of appeals. Byars was charged jointly with Hawk Jones, Pat Ellis and John Ruddell with killing Hampton Snapp near the line between Pottawatomie and McClain counties in 1908. It was admitted that Ruddell fired the fatal shot. The defendants all claimed the shooting was accidental, but the court holds that the evidence does not sustain that contention.

Ellis and Jones were sentenced to five years each, but Jones was granted a new trial and his case is still pending. Ruddell is a fugitive from justice and the case in which the state got a forfeiture of his \$5,000 bond now is pending on appeal in the supreme court.

The case of Frank Nash, convicted of burglary in Comanche county and sentenced to two years, is reversed. Nash was arrested while getting an outfit of tools such as burglars use, from beneath a building at Lawton. The state offered in evidence a "triangle," which, it was claimed, fitted the marks on a safe which had been robbed, but it was shown that the instrument, while ordered by Nash from a Lawton blacksmith, never had been delivered to him.

The conviction of P. W. Holden, sentenced to six months and a \$500 fine in Oklahoma county on a charge of violating the prohibitory law, was affirmed, and the appeal of John Roan of Johnston county, convicted on a similar charge, was dismissed.

The court heard arguments in the habeas corpus case of W. C. Carter, held on a murder charge in Okmulgee county. A reduction of bail was sought, but the court indicated that the relief would not be granted, and it is expected that the application will be withdrawn.

games and your charges will love and respect you.

It is reported that a very prominent educator in Vinita was in grave danger of great bodily harm last winter, for brutally maltreating and beating a pupil.

It is also reported that our vigilant prosecutor, refused to issue a warrant for assault and battery against this teacher when he was solicited to do so.

This may or may not account for his being retired from office after one term.

Teachers make a mistake in believing that children can not see and recognize injustice—they make a mistake in trying to carry along with their work a lot of rubbish called rules and the sooner they recognize this fact, the longer they will be teachers and receive salaries commensurate with their outlay of work.

In concluding this article, I can not do better than to quote the words of Spencer:

"Bear in mind the truth that the aim of your discipline should be to produce a SELF-GOVERNING being; not to produce a being governed by others. Were your children fated to pass their lives as slaves, you could not too much accustom them to slavery during their childhood; but as they are by and by to be free men, with no one to control their daily conduct, you cannot too much accustom them to self-control while they are still under your eye. This is what makes the system of discipline by natural consequences, so especially appropriate to the social state we have now reached."

"Strike with hand of fire, oh, weird musician, thy harp, strung with Apollo's golden hair! Fill the vast cathedral aisles with symphonies sweet and dim, deft toucher of the organ's keys; blow, bugler, blow until thy silver notes do touch and kiss the moonlight skies and charm the lovers wandering 'mid the vine-clad hills. But know your sweetest strains are discordant all compared with childhood's happy laugh—the laugh that fills the eyes with light and every heart with joy."

Gada Delenda Est. (Free translation) Abolish the club.

## CHEROKEE FUNDS FOR DISTRIBUTION

New Born Patents to Be Delivered  
And Equalization Money to  
Be Paid.

The supreme court decided in favor of the new born Cherokee children on May 13, 1912, and a motion for a rehearing was denied in the case on June 10, 1912, more than sixty days ago. Before that time most of the patents had been prepared by the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, in anticipation that the case would be decided in favor of the children. Some of these patents were forwarded to the secretary of the interior by the middle of June, but our advice is that none of them have as yet been returned approved. The pay roll of the children entitled to equalization money is being made up at Muskogee, but has not as yet been forwarded to the secretary for approval. We see no reason why some of these deeds should not have been delivered before this time, as the approval by the secretary is only a perfunctory affair. Certainly the pay roll could have been made in thirty days and if the work had been expedited it could have been forwarded to Washington, approval, and returned and the money in course of distribution by this time. The people throughout the country are demanding an early settlement. They are entitled to it and to our knowledge the Cherokee national attorney has done everything within his power to expedite the issuance and delivery of these patents and payment of this equalization money. We suggest to those interested that they write the

secretary of the interior urging speedy action; also the commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, and our senators and members of congress. It will require \$1,039,000 to equalize these new born children. The sum thrown into the channels of trade would be a great benefit to the country at the present time, and if it is due the children, as decided by the supreme court, they should have it now. A great many parents have bargained for land for their children in anticipation of receiving this money. We believe that this money should be paid now, instead of waiting until the children are dead with old age.

## Sunday School Census.

At a meeting held Thursday night at the study of Rev. Berger the Vinita Sunday School Union temporary executive committee divided the city into six districts for convening in taking the proposed Sunday school census, and selected captains for several of the districts.

The first and second wards were divided into two districts each; the third and fourth wards were designated as one district each. These districts will be sub-divided by their respective captains and the work of taking the census will begin on Wednesday afternoon, September 11.

The next general meeting of the Union will be held at the Methodist church next Tuesday night for the purpose of hearing the report of the temporary executive committee, and also a report from the constitution revision committee; and participate in a program, on the round table order, now being arranged by Dr. C. W. Day. All Sunday school teachers, superintendents, preachers, and Sunday school pupils, and all other persons interested in Sunday school work are earnestly invited to attend this meeting.

Miss Pearl Brock was up from Adair today doing some shopping.

**Frisco Increasing Its Equipment.**  
The heavy crop movement, with its consequent demands for an unusual number of cars, has put the officials of the Frisco on their toes to supply equipment as rapidly as possible to the patrons of the company.

In order that this may be accomplished, daily and weekly advices to the agents, calling their attention to conditions as they develop, will be sent out by the transportation department.

In these advices the average detention of equipment will be shown, and it is hoped the agents will impress upon the shippers the need of promptly loading and unloading cars.

If the time of detention of equipment is reduced by half, it means that practically twice as many cars will be available.

Therefore, the different departments will keep the agents posted, not only as to the number of hours equipment was detained, but as to the number of cars loaded each day and available each day, in order that they may cooperate with the shippers in getting best possible service.

## Editor Chieftain:

In yesterday's issue I note the production of a very beautiful poem from the pen of Mrs. W. B. Crawford. Unfortunately, Mrs. C. failed to place in quotation marks, Stanzas, 1, 2, 3 and 7, and she will doubtless be obliged to me for calling her attention to this omission. The stanzas mentioned were written by Edward George Bulwer-Lytton. This poem, "There is No Death," is a very fine piece of literature, and I am very much gratified to have Mrs. Crawford reproduce it in the connection that she has.

SUBSCRIBER.

Clem McSpadden, son of Tom McSpadden of Chelsea, died in Los Angeles yesterday of typhoid fever. The interment will take place at Chelsea Sunday afternoon. A delegation of Elks will attend from here.

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